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SUBJECT: OTR Research Project to Develop a
Psychological Assessment/Social Intelligence Test

1. PURPOSE

In support of a broad program to increase the capabilities of the Assessment and Evaluation Staff, to develop improved criteria for psychological assessment of personnel.

2. BACKGROUND

a. Social intelligence is the psychological basis for smooth human relations, a central element in supervisory skill, and an indispensable basis for those dealing with foreign agents.

b. Present Agency assessment techniques are weak in respect to the selection of persons who are especially sensitive to cues that indicate a subordinate's or an agent's motives, intentions and/or attitudes.

c. No such assessment tool is now available and no development efforts other than those in this proposal are currently in progress.

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d. A research proposal, aimed at the development of such a test, has been prepared by the [REDACTED] psychologists, in consultation with the Assessment and Evaluation Staff, OTR, and [REDACTED]. Preliminary work has been accomplished, sound research plans are being executed and the possibilities for eventual success are high.

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e. ONR has agreed to effect an ONR - [REDACTED] contract on behalf of the Agency.

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f. FY 1956 funds are available for transfer to ONR for this purpose within the current OTR/A&E allocation.

3. PROPOSAL

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It is proposed to expend \$12,350 FY 1956 by ONR - [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] contract to develop a Psychological Assessment/Social Intelligence Test in support of the OTR/Assessment and Evaluation Staff.

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h. ACTION

At the request of the Deputy Director (Support), review and approval of this proposal is effected by lateral vote, without a formal meeting of the Project Review Committee.

CONCUR

SIGNED L. K. White Jan 26 1956
Deputy Director (Support)

SIGNED [REDACTED] 30 Jan 1956
A/Deputy Director (Plans)

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SIGNED Robert Amory, Jr.
Deputy Director (Intelligence)
Jan 30 1956

SIGNED Lyman Kirkpatrick
Inspector General 27 Jan 1956

APPROVED

SIGNED [REDACTED]
Chairman, Project Review Committee

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